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JEHOVAH, the Everlaſting Power, that ſpans out the Heavens with his Span, and meaſures the Wartes in the hollow of his Hand, before whom all Nations, Tongues and People, are leſs than the Drop to the Ocean, or the Sand to the Sea Shoar; who ſaid, *Let all things be, and they were*; and by the ſame Word of this Might, preſerves them in this very day, is Holy, Merciful, and Juſt; and, as the moſt excellent part of the whole Creation, made he Man, the Image of himſelf, by inveſting him with that Righteous Principle, and innocent Life, which gave him Dominion and Authority over all his works, allowing him to eat of every Tree, ſaving that of *Good* and *Evil*, of which if he did eat, he ſhould certainly dye.

Happy had it been for *Adam* and his Poſterity, had he obeyed Gods Commands; but Tranſgreſſion by diſobedience getting entrance, he ſoon dyed to his innocent State, in which God created him, and become alive in the Dominion ſin had over him, being now as one without Law, in whoſe fallen State all Nations have been, and are, (let their Profeſſions ſeem never ſo great, and their Sacrifices never ſo many) that live in the diſobedient Nature, and ſo ſtrangers to that Immortality and Life Eternal, the firſt *Adam* became dead and darkened too by his Tranſgreſſion, and which the ſecond *Adam* raiſes to the knowledge and poſſeſſion of, by the power of his quickning Spirit; yet where the Devil (that ſubtile Ser-

pent) hath not totally extinguiſhed the notion of a God, and the neceſſity of his being worſhipped, it has been rather his intereſt than diſ-ſervice, to put the ſelfiſh part of the Creature upon ſacrificing, wickedly inſinuating that none can be freed from ſin, and that the performing of Rites, Duties, and Ceremonies, is all God requires, and what is neceſſary to procure acceptance with him. Thus 'twas that murthering *Cain* became a Sacrificer, whoſe Sacrifice God rejected, becauſe offered in the fallen unrighteous and accurſed Nature.

Such alſo were thoſe Generations who drew near to God with their Lips, and to whom he ſaid of old, *What ſignifies the multitudes of your Sacrifices? I am full of burnt Offerings; bring no more vain Oblations; Incenſe is an abomination unto me; the new Moons, and Sabbath; the calling of the Aſſemblies I cannot away with, it is Iniquity; even the ſolemn Meetings I am weary to bear them; and when you ſpread forth your hands, I will hide mine Eyes; yea, when you make many Prayers, I will not hear them; your hands are full of Bloud: Waſh you, make you clean, put away the Evil of your Doings*, &c.

Iſa. 1. 13, 14, 15, 16.

Therefore, O ye Princes, Prieſts, and People, the ſolid neceſſary, and weighty Queſtion I have to ask you all in the dread and fear of the Everlaſting Holy Lord God Almighty, (by whoſe eternal Spirit the ſence of your preſent State and Condition I prefectly have received) is this: What Nature, what Heart, what Spirit, and what ground is it in which your Religions, Faiths, Works, Words and Worſhips ſtand and grow? Is it the Divine, not the fallen Nature? Is it the broken, not the ſtony Heart? Is it the Contrite, not the formal Spirit? Is it the Goſpel increaſing good, not old *Adams* corrupt thorney Ground? For this know, that no performances but by

by clean hands and a pure heart, from whence evil doings are put away, can give acceptance with the pure God.

Come, anſwer me firſt, you *Papiſts*, whoſe Popes for many hundred years have ſate exalted in the hearts of Nations, (God's Temple) above all that is called God: What Scripture ever made a Pope, or gave authority to any one to Lord it over the Conſciences of others, ſince Chriſt enjoyns that Chriſtians ſhould be Brethren? And by what warrantable Tradition can he make, diſpoſe and depoſe civil Empires? Whence came your Creeds but from factious and corupted Councils, dyed in the blood of thoſe who refus'd conformity? what Scriptures of the Holy Prophets, and Apoſtles, or any Tradition for the firſt three hundred years, mention a Maſs-Book, ſpeak of *Peter*'s Chair, and a ſucceſſive Infallibility, or that ſay a Wafar is corporially the Fleſh, Blood and Bones, which ſuffer'd without *Jeruſalem?* and where did they adore Images, conſume many Thouſands and Millions in Building, Carving and Painting outward Temples, after *Jeruſalem* (the Type) was deſtroyed, whilſt thouſands of poor Families languiſhed through extream Poverty? When did they injoyn Baby-Baptiſm, Churching of Women, Marrying by Prieſts, Holy Water to frighten the Devil, hollowing of Bells to ſcare evil Spirits, making and worſhipping of Croſſes, erecting of Altars? And where did they command Bowings, inſtitute Muſicks, appoint Holy-Days, canonize Saints, chaffer and merchandize about Indulgences, pray for the Dead, Preach or write for a Purgatory? And what Book or Chapter in the Old or New Teſtament mentions the degrees of Popes, Cardinals, Arch-Bishops, Deans, Prebends, Jeſuits, Franciſcans, Dominicans, Urſulines, Capuchines, Benedictines, with other ſuch like lazy Nuns and Fryars, for the edification of Chriſts

Christs Church? But above all, when and where did they authorize or indulge your Cruel Persecuting, Whipping, Racking, Inquisition, Murthering Spirit? whose Popes, Faith, Church-Government, and whole Religion, were founded, and are maintained by inhumane Blood-shed, as your own Histories plainly manifest: ——— Who gave Life to these things but the Devil, who was a Murderer from the beginning?

Thus have you *Papists*, through many Generations, *re-*
Mat. 15. 9. *ceived for Doctrine the Precepts of Men*, who for much speaking, and sacrificing of your own Inventions, expect to be heard, whilst in the lustful, wanton, ignorant, and killing Nature, which has been always shedding the precious blood of those whom God in every Age raised to testifie against your Superstitions and Will-Worships; Therefore WOES from God Almighty to that Romish Whore, who has corrupted the Nations, *and sits upon a*
Rev. 17. 3, 4, 5, *Scarlet coloured Beast full of Names of Blasphemy, drunk with the Blood of Saints, and Martyrs of Jesus; the hour of*
Chap. 18. 6, 8. *her desolation is nigh, and in the Cup which she hath filled, shall it be filled unto her double; for strong is the Lord God of Hosts who judgeth her.*

Come now, you that are called *Protestants*, however denominated or distinguished, who profess the Scriptures for the Rule of Life and Doctrine, stand your Tryal by them; and first those who are called *Episcopalians*, who date your Religion from the Martyrs: that those who first protested against the Darkness and gross Idolatry of the Popish Antichrist, were directed thereto, and supported therein, by the mighty Power of God, is not denyed; and that the Seals of blood they set to recommend their Testimonies to posterity, are with us in high esteem, I openly affirm and declare; But that you of the Church of

of *England* have any more to do with them (who now persecute us) than had the Jews and Pharisees with *Abraham*, *Moses*, and the *Prophets*, *who crucified the Lord of Life*, is as positively disowned: for as they were out of the Life and Spirit of those holy Men, (though building and garnishing their Sepulchres, and making great profession with their words) insomuch as that they slew those whom God sent in the same Spirit to preach a farther Glory, and to discover a more excellent way; so are you out of the Power and Spirit your fore-Fathers lived and dyed in, professing their words, but persecuting the same Spirit in others, and crucifying it in your selves: No wonder therefore you have made so little progress since the first dawning of Reformation, being not yet got out of the Borders of *Babylons* form, and altogether in her lustful, proud, persecuting and wicked Nature: For have not you *Protestant* Princes condemned that in others, which you have and do allow in your selves, contrary to your fore-Fathers Protestations? Did you not return severe Persecutions, not only upon the heads of the Roman Catholicks in Queen *Elizabeth*'s time, who esteemed it Antichristian in them; but even your fellow *Protestants*, who through zeal for God declared against your back-slidings? witness her severity, and what followed in the Reigns of *James*, and the deceased *Charles*, but more particularly the many thousands now of late that have been club'd, bruised, imprisoned, exiled, poisoned to Death by stinking Dungeons, and ruined in their outward Estates; contrary to Law, Christian or Humane: Therefore well may I take up the lamentation and reproof that was of old, *Ye make men offenders for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the Gate; Ye turn aside the Just for a thing of nought, and lay burthens upon the back of the Righteous, whilst evil Doers pass unpunished; You store up violence in your*

Acts 7. 52. 59.

Isa. 29. 21. Amos 3. 10. Jer. 23 17.

Ezek. 13. 19, 20. Isa. 56. 10, 11. your Palaces, and many are the oppressed that are amongst you? Yet do not your Priests prophesie smooth Things, that sow Pillows under your Arms, and cry Peace? who provoke you to slay those, by executing cruel acts that should not dye, and preach safety to them that should not live, like greedy Dogs, Shepherds that cannot understand, they all look Mic. 3. 5, 6, 11. for gain from their Quarters; they teach for hire, they divine for money, and you all judge for rewards; for all which abominations God is departed, *Vision is ceased, the Sun is gone down over you, and your day is turned into thick darkness*; Therefore it is you deny the necessity as well as the present enjoyment of Revelation to any; though John 17. 3. without it, as Christ saith, *No man can know God, whom to know is Life Eternal*; and place the ground of Divine knowledge in humane Arts and Sciences, that thereby you may ingross a Function to your selves, and keep up your Trade of yearly gain upon the poor people; preaching sin for term of life, thereby rendring invalid the glorious Power of the second *Adam*, and indulging people in transgression; though *he that sins is of the Devil*, 1 John 3. 5, 6, 7, 8. *and without Holiness none shall see God*; Ministers he never sent, but were commissionated by men, void of Heb. 12. 14. the Holy Ghost, *and therefore ye profit not the people*; A Jer. 23. 32. badge inseparable to lying prophets, who run in their own name.

Come and tell me now, ye of the Church of *England*, that say the Scriptures are your Rule, where do they own such Persecutors, false Prophets, Tythmongers, denyers of Revelations, Opposers of Perfection, Men-pleasers, Time-servers, unprofitable Teachers, (witness the abominations of the Land) Extollers of humane Learning, as the onely way to know God; Admirers of Universities, (signal places for idleness, looseness, prophaneness, prodigality,

gality, and groſs Ignorance;) And where do we find the Prophets, Apoſtles, and Servants of the Lord, to live in worldly Pomp, poſſeſs Hundreds and Thouſands a year, be called Lords of their Brethren, and exerciſe Civil and Spiritual Juriſdiction over the Bodies and Souls of Chriſtians in their days? Whence came your Forms of Prayers, and Church-Government, from the Scriptures of Truth, and the practice of the primitive Chriſtians, or the Maſs-Book, and Popiſh Canons? Where is it that Maſs-houſes are called Churches? And what preſident do you find for Letanies, Reſponſes, Singing, Queriſters, Orgains, Altars, Bowings, Surplices, ſquare Caps, Hoods, Rockets, Fonts, Baby-Baptiſm, Holy Days, (as you call them) with much more ſuch like dirty Traſh, and foul Superſtition? Are theſe your Scripture Doctrines, and this the Spiritual Worſhip of Holy Jeſus, his Apoſtles, and the antient Chriſtians? Stand up and anſwer me, ye Members of the Church of *England*; but are they not the off-ſpring of that Idolatrous Popiſh Generation, amounting at beſt to Will-Worſhip, which is abominable to the God of Heaven, who is now breaking forth in Vengeance, to thunder down and conſume all the fair Buildings and pleaſant Pictures of Babyloniſh Inventions? Therefore from you I may expect an anſwer to the Queſtion I ask'd the Romaniſts, In what Nature and Spirit is it, O *Princes*, *Prieſts* and *People*, you hold and profeſs Religion, and Worſhip towards God? Is it the Divine and Heavenly One, which is pure and perfect? are you Baptized by the Holy Ghoſt, and with Fire; Crucified through the daily Croſs to the World; born again, and your affections ſet on things above? But alas poor Souls! are you not at, *Have mercy upon us, miſerable ſinners, there is no health in us*, from ſeven to ſeventy? and as in truth it is, to the ſhame of Religion and deſtruc-

Acts 19. 2, 3, 4, 5. *Col.* 3. 2.

Alon of humane Society; how do you abound in Evil? Equalizing, if not outstripping *Papists* and *Heathens* (against whom you protest in words) in all kinds of impiety: Therefore Wo unto you *Protestants*, that are *mighty to drink Strong Drink, that give your Neighbours Drink, and put the Bottle to them that they may be drunk; that put far away the Evil day, and cause the seat of Violence to come near; that lie upon Beds of Ivory, and stretch your selves upon your Couches; that eat the fat of the Flock, and drink the sweet of the Vine; that anoint your selves with the chief Ointments; that chaunt to the sound of the Viol, and invent to your selves Instruments of Musick, but consider not the Afflictions of* Joseph. How sport you away your precious time, as if ye were born not to dye, at least never to be judged? O! what *Swearing*, what *Uncleanness*, what *Drunkenness*, what *Prophanation*, what *Vanity*, what *Pride*, what *Expence*, what *Patching*, what *Painting*, what *Lascivious Intregues*, what *Wanton Appointments*, what *Publick unclean Houses*, what *merry Masks*, what *lustful insinuating Treats* at you *Plays*, *Parks*, *Mulberry* and *Spring-Gardens*, with whatsoever else may please the lustful Eye, and gratifie the wanton Mind? Is not this your case and practice, *Ye Gallants*, Young and Old, Men and Woman? and by these courses, have not *Debts* surprized your *Estates*, *Poverty Plenty*, *Diseases Health*, *Debauchery*, *Chastity?* whole Families ruin'd both in *Soul* and *Body*; yea, such a deluge of *Intemperance* has so overwhelmed the Nations, that hard it is to light upon *Sobriety* and *Vertue*.

Isa. 15. 11, 12. *Amos* 6 3, 4, 5, 6.

Well, *my Friends*, when I ruminate on these things, my Heart affects mine Eye, and grief overcomes my Soul for your sakes; Repent therefore, O ye *Protestants!* or else know, *that for all these things God Almighty will bring you to Judgement*; and in the day that his Indignation shall

shall be kindled, your Religion of words shall fly away, and your *Lord, Lord-Cryings* shall be rejected, because you were strangers to the Spiritual Nature (though Babblers of the Name) of true Christianity, and therefore shall ye perish by the Sword. *Mat.* 7. 21.

Now as for you *Seperatists* of divers Names, although I shall not disallow the Zeal that once you had, yet must I on God's behalf bear my Testimony concerning you; Therefore be it known unto you all, that you are *teaching and receiving for Doctrines the Traditions of men*, running and striving in your one Spirits, *compassing your selves with the sparks of your own fire*, being not yet come to stand still and know that Will done on Earth which is done in Heaven; You tell People, *Christ Jesus has suffered and satisfied for sins past, present, and to come, and though never so corrupt, vile, and polluted in themselves, yet reconciled to, and justified in the sight of God, by his personal Righteousness imputed unto them, and not from a work of Grace or Regeneration in the Creature*; therefore no wonder at your vehement cries against a state of perfect separation from sin, as being a dangerous Doctrine, who preach acceptation with the Holy God, whilst in an unholy state: You generally scoff at *Revelation* as being ceast; most of you also abetting God to have ordained a Remnant absolutely to *Salvation*, and consequently making Sin as well as Torment unavoidably necessary to the major part; whereby the glorious God of Mercy is represented more infamously unjust than the worst of men; Doctrines of Deivils indeed! and grounds of all *Looseness* and *Ranterism*; and the *pleaders* and *fighters for liberty of conscience* when oppress; the greatest oppressors, when in power, not minding the end of Gods loving kindness: because of your wanton Neglect, is your day darkned, and *Isa.* 50. 11.

your Sun set, and grovelling you are in beggerly Elements, imitations and shadows of the Heavenly good things, relating to the dispensation of the second Covenant, hoping by your many duties to be heard, and find acceptance, whilst very strangers to the covering of Gods Spirit, and ignorant of him (whom to konw is Life eternal) from the Revelation of his Eternal Spirit, and Operation of his mighty Power, but from the conceivings and apprehensions of other men, and Books well reputed, whereby Gods Grace and Light have lost their Office of leading and teaching; and thus true Counsel becomes darkned, the Fountain shut, the Book sealed, and you in this state strangers unto God, so that you perish for want of sound knowledge; for I declare and testifie on the behalf of Gods everlasting Way to Life, and against you all, that you are yet in the mans spirit, which works not Gods Will and Righteousness, being found helpers of the mighty against that pure and unchangeable principle of Light, Grace and Life, in which God onely did, does and will reveal and manifest himself unto the Sons and Daughters of men, for which cause you are yet in your up's and down, tossed to and fro, not knowing the *Rock of Ages, and Foundation of many Generations*, which is that *onely Holy Seed, wherein the Duties and Performances* of all Nations only can be blessed, and from whence proceeds that pure, Righteous and Immortal Birth, to whom is the Promise of an everlasting Inheritance, but are sticking in your own imaginations, and patching out a Peace unto your selves from your Duties, Performance, and the imitations of weak times and seasons in some perishing Observations, that no way relate to the Nature of the *Pure, Spiritual and Internal Kingdom of Peace, Righteousness and Joy in the holy Ghost*; Therefore well may I say, as once of old, *Wo unto thee* Capernaum, *which art exalted*

Gen. 12. 3. Gal. 3. 8.

Rom. 14. 19, Mat. 11. 23, 24.

ted unto Heaven; for if the mighty works that have been done in thee, had been done in Tyre, Sidon or Sodom, *they would have repented in Duſt and Aſhes, and would have remained unto this day.*

Wherefore, O ye zealous Profeſſors! who in the Spirit of a man are ſtriving to comprehend the Myſtery of God, unleſs ye repent and believe in *that Light wherewith Chriſt hath enlightned every man*, that you may obtain to the true diſcerning of the Spirit and Nature in which you live and worſhip, that ſo you may come to witneſs the work and Will of God, *It ſhall be more tollerable for them in the day that God ſhall judge the ſecrets of men by Jeſus Chriſt; God will make them of the Synagogue of Sathan, who ſay, they are Chriſtians, and are not.* *John 1. 9.* *Rev. 3. 9.*

Therefore unto you *Princes*, *Prieſts* and *People*, whether *Papiſts* or *Proteſtants*, or any other ſeparated way, that are in your Idolatry, Superſtition, Carnal Ordinances and Will-Worſhip; whoſe Faith in, and fear towards God, are grounded on other mens apprehenſions, perſwaſions and precepts, and not from the teaching of God's holy Spirit or Grace; to you all am I conſtrained to ſound forth and proclaim, That unto us, the moſt deſpiſed, afflicted and forſaken by all the Families of the Earth, is a Child born, unto us a Son is given; we call him *Wonderful Counſellor*, the *Mighty God*, the *Everlaſting Father*, the *Prince of Peace*; *of the increaſe of whoſe Government there ſhall be no end*: this is the Prophet ſtiles, *A Light unto the Gentiles, and for Salvation unto the end of the Earth*; unto whom *John Baptiſt* bore this certain record, *That he was the true Light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World*; who alſo gave this Teſtimony of himſelf, *That whoſoever followed him ſhould not abide in darkneſs, but have* *Iſa. 9. 6, 7. c. 49. 6.* *John 1. 7, 8, 9. c. 8. 12.* *1 John 1. 7.*

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the Light of Life, and the Blood of Jesus, (saith the beloved Disciple) *shall cleanse you from all sin.*

1 *Cor.* 15. 47. *John* 6. 51, 52, 53. *Isa* 42. 6. *Jer.* 31. 32, 33, 34. *John* 14. 6. 1 *Cor.* 1. 20. *Ezek.* 34. 29. *Gen.* 3. 15. *Tit.* 2. 11, 12.

This *is the second* Adam, *the quickning Spirit, the Lord from Heaven, the New and Spiritual Man, the Heavenly Bread, the True Vine; the Flesh and Blood that was given for the Life of the World; the Second Covenant; the Law writ in the Heart, and Spirit, put in the inward Parts; the way in which the Fool cannot err; the Truth,* before deceit was; *the Life that's hid in God, eternal in the Heavens, glorified before the World began; the Power, the Wisdom, the Righteousness of God; the Plant of Renown; the Royal Seed that bruiseth the Serpents Head:* In short, *That Grace which hath appeared unto all men, teaching them to deny Ungodliness and worldly Lusts, and to live Godlikely, and soberly in this present World.* He stands at the Door of every Heart, and knocks, if by any means he may be heard and have admittance, whereby God's Promise may be fulfilled, *That God will dwell with Men*; and my Testimony is, that a Remnant have obey'd this Heavenly Voice, and now walk in this pure Light in which God Almighty is known to tabernacle with them: Therefore in the fear of God Eternal do I cry aloud unto you all, who are wandring in the By-paths of mens Inventions, Traditions and Precepts, To empty your Hearts and Minds of those unprofitable Guests, that better entertainment than a Manger may be had to receive his Lord of Glory; *The mighty Prophet all must hear or dye, who searcheth the hearts, tryeth the Reins, and is able to tell you all that ever you did:* —— This is the *Quakers* Christ, and Son of the Living God, whom we are not ashamed to confess before Men, as that Glorious Light, which since we have believed and walked in, according to our distinct measures, we have not onely received a perfect discovery of all the Will-Worships, Pollutions and vain

Rev. 21. 3. *Deut.* 18. 18, 19, 20. *Jer.* 17. 10. *John* 4. 29.

vain Fashions, or Customs that have been brought forth by, and stands in, the Dark, Lustful and Apostatiz'd Nature; but as we have continued in a holy Watchfulness, to observe and obey its Righteous Dictates, Gods mighty Power we have, and do experience to subdue and redeem therefrom; yea, that Spiritual Blood is sensibly felt to *sprinkle and cleanse the Conscience from dead works.* *Heb.* 9. 14. 10.22.

And to you all must I declare, That by no other way did I ever receive the Knowledg of the least Evil, or Ability to conquer it, than in this universal Light, who is given for a Captain and a Leader out of all the By-paths and petty Perswasions of men, through judgment that purifies, and the Red Sea of Troubles, Tryals, and Afflictions, unto the Rest which is pure and undefiled; *This is Gods beloved Son, hear ye him*; For I proclaim, another Way there is not to eternal Life and Peace, then this everlasting Gospel which now is preached; for the time is come that the Angel of his Presence is flying through the midst of Heaven, having this antient Gospel to preach to them that dwell upon the Earth, and are in their Earthly Nature, Wisdom and Worships, *Crying with a loud Voice, Fear God, and give Glory to him, for the hour of his Judgement is come*: Therefore away away with all your own Ways, Works and Worships, that are grounded upon mens Command, and fallible Apprehensions, whose Breath is in their Nostrils; and no more do Homage according to such prescriptions, but fear and dread the living Lord God of Heaven and Earth; *For if the Righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the Ungodly and Sinner appear?* But *Woe, Anguish, Tribulation and Sorrow shall come upon every Soul that remains in Sin.* *Rev.* 14.6,7. *1 Pet.* 4. 18.

Therefore be warned ye Dark and Idolatrous *Papists*, ye

ye superstitious and loose *Professors*, yea, zealous, yet carnal Professors, to come out of all your own Wayes, Works, Worships, Nature, Spirit and Practice; In silence and fear to wait in this glorious Light which God Almighty has displayed, and raised us contemned *Quakers* to walk in and testifie of, in these last Ages; that by believing therein, and circumspectly adhering thereto, you may come to experience the rising of that eternal Power which overcomes and removes Transgression, that hath so long seperated between you and your God, hereby shall you receive sound Judgment and Heavenly Wisdom? —— This will not destroy, but fulfill the Scriptures of Truth, and so shall you know the Baptism that's from above, and eat the Heavenly Bread, and drink the Spiritual Wine at Christs Table, in his Kingdom, which the Saints of old saw the coming of before they tasted of death; *For the Kingdom of God is within;* —— *Here all old things, Covenant, Signs, Ordinances, and whatever perisheth with the using,* shall be done away; and the everlasting unchangeable Substance witnessed: and no more shall you profess Religion, or perform Worship from the imagining and transgressing nature, but from a certain sence of Gods own Operation; so shall your Faith stand in that Power the *Gates of Hell can never prevail against.* For this I once more am necessitated to declare, by vertue of the sound knowledge given me of God, that whilst you are fulfilling the lusts of the flesh, and walking after your own will and imaginations, you are altogether strangers to the yoak, to the daily Cross, and Self-denying life, but are yet the corrupt Ground and evil Tree, which bring forth evil Fruits, Thorns, Briars, and sour Grapes; *Be ye undeceived, God will not be mocked; such as you sow, such shall you reap;* ——

Luke 17.20, 21.

Job. 4.8. *Gal.* 6.7, 8.

Wherefore I intreat, advise and warn you all, before the

the day of your visitation be shut up, in the eternal withdrawings of Gods Love, and revelation of his dreadful endless Vengeance, O ye Idolatrous, Superstitious, Carnal, Proud, Wanton, Unclean, Mocking and Persecuting *Princes*, *Priests* and *People*, to repent; Return, return, believe and obey this Light, which manifests and reproves all your evil deeds, that in it you may know your Redemption from the captivity of sin effectually wrought. O tremble and quake with the Prophet *Habakkuk*, you who scoff at *Quakers*, *that you may all rest in the day of Trouble.* *Hab.* 3. 16.

But if you shall still go on to rebel against the Reproofs and Instructions of this Holy Light, and despise and persecute the Children of it; be it known to you all, that before the brightness of its glory shall your shadows vanish, your imitations fly away, your beggerly Elements melt, and you shall dye in your sins.

Nor shall we be solicitous what your intentions are concerning us, well knowing him in whom we have believed, *to be much greater in us, than he that is in the World*, who in love hath call'd us out of it, and we doubt not will by his everlasting Arm of strength defend and preserve us over all opposition, and by us exalt his Name, Truth and Salvation unto the ends of the Earth. 2 *Tim.* 1. 12. 1 *John* 4. 4.

Therefore let the Winds of Imagination blow, the Storms of Persecution beat, and the Sea of raging Malice foam; Yea, *though the Fig tree shall not blossom, neither Fruit be in the Vine; though the labour of the Olive fail, and the Fields yeild not their meat; though the Flock be cut off from the Fold, and there be no Herd in the Stalls*; though Nations should combine against us, and multitudes assemble *Heb.* 3. 17, 18.

themſelves to our overthrow;——Yet, be it reported to the Nations, and let be told unto the people, that we ſhall ſtill confide and rejoyce in that everlaſting Holy God Almighty, Lord of Hoſts, and King of Saints, who hath gathered us; and therefore is by us over all Things in Heaven, and things on Earth, bleſt and renown'd forever

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A Cautionary Poſtſcript to the People of England.

Friends;

WHilſt you have a day *prize it*, and whilſt you have the *Light*, *believe in it*; for this is *the Word of the Lord God, that made Heaven and Earth*, to you all; The time is at hand, that he that is *Unrighteous*, muſt be *Unrighteous* ſtill. Be not deceiv'd, put not the day far from you; neither cry, *The Lord is on our ſide*, for his *Indignation* is ready to be reveal'd, and *Deſtruction* is at the Door.

Calamity, *Pineing*, and *Diſtreſs*, is coming upon you, yea, a *Conſumption* is decreed, and *Trouble*, *Perplexity*, and *terrible Deſolation*, and what hand ſhall ſtop it? *For the Lord God of Hoſts is ariſing, to avenge himſelf of his Enemies, and to eaſe himſelf of the cruel Oppreſſor of his righteous Seed.* Yea, the *Mighty*, *he will humble*, *and the proud* ſhall be laid *low*. He will ſmite the *Wanton with paleneſs*; and the *Deſpiſer ſhall periſh off the Earth*; *and all the Inſtruments of Wickedneſs and Oppreſſion will be daſh in pieces*; And you ſhall all know

know that the *Majeſty which dwells on High, is on our ſide*, and that the *Nations of them who are ſav'd, ſhall walk in obedience to the Light.*

But unto ſuch as believe in the *Light*, and live in the daily *Croſs*, who have forſaken either *Father, Mother, Siſter, Brother, Houſe, Land, Husband or Wife, for this bleſſed Teſtimony; and that through the good report and bad report* are journing on, towards an *Everlaſting Inheritance: Bleſſings, Honour, Immortality*, and *Eternal Life*, from God the Father, and the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

I am not of this World, but ſeek a

Country Eternal in the Heavens,

W. P.

New-Gate in *London*, the 7th of the 2d Moneth, 1671.

THE END.